(*a*) whether the estimate for restoring the bund and sluice of the Kulappattur Yela, Kizhattingal pakuthi, Chirayinkil taluk has been scrutinised and finally approved; and

(*b*) if so, whether arrangements have been made to commence the work?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** (*a*) No,

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*)

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** May I know whether any investigation has been completed in regard to this work or whether any investigation on this work has been undertaken?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** It has not been completed yet.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Even an investigation?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** Yes.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Chief Engineer order an investigation being made?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:** I have issued orders.

*Kanjikonam chira in Manikal pakuthi.*

143. * **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation to repair the Kanjikonam chira, in Manikal pakuthi, Nedumangad taluk, and if so, what action has been taken on that?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN** (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes; the preliminary investigations have been completed.

*Management of the State Transport.*

144. * **MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the State Transport management has created the worst dissatisfaction and discontent in the country; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether Government have enquired into the causes thereof and taken steps to improve the department?

**MR. E. G. SALTER** (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) The answer is "no."

(*b*) Does not arise.

**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI:** Will the honourable member kindly state whether he has got representations from the staff of the Department that their emoluments are unsatisfactory?

**MR. E. G. SALTER:** The question does not arise.

**PRESIDENT:** Order, order. The question was whether the Transport Department has created much discontent and dissatisfaction in the country. The payment to the staff of the Department which was increased about a week ago, has absolutely no relevance to that question.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I mean the dissatisfaction among the staff.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member's knowledge of English is sufficiently extensive. You have worded the question properly.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the honourable member state whether the queue system adopted in the bus stand at Trivandrum is properly conducted?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate General*): Sir, I rise to a point of order.

PRESIDENT: The question does not arise.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunaga'li cum Karthikapalli*): Are the garages functioning properly?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I should like to know exactly what is meant by the word "properly."

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the members of the Transport Advisory Committee had, at any time, brought to the notice of the Director that there is discontent and dissatisfaction regarding the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I take it that the Director of Transport is not aware of the discontent in the country regarding the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I am not aware that there is discontent in the country on this score.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Director take it that he is not cognizant of the difficulties that the people are experiencing in Travancore?

MR. E. G. SALTER: May I, in turn, be permitted to ask one question, Sir? May I ask if the honourable member who put this question is expressing his personal views or those of the members of the constituency which he represents?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I do not think either the question or the answer is necessary.

*Pensionable places in the State Transport Department.*

145. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of pensionable places in the State Transport department in the higher, intermediate and lower Divisions respectively as classified under Public Service Recruitment Rules?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

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| Higher | 2 |
| Intermediate | 116 |
| Lower | 23 |
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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Are these appointments made on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

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